



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 265**

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**Chairperson:** Abbie Cornett  
**Committee:** Business and Labor  
**Date of Hearing:** February 26, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This legislation is introduced at the request of the Nebraska Workforce Development, Department of Labor.

Legislative Bill LB 265:

1. Contains federally mandated conformity requirements regarding the confidentiality of information obtained by the Department in the administration of the Nebraska Employment Security Law;
2. Provides that certain in-kind payments to agricultural workers not intended for personal consumption by the worker or the workers family are considered wages for purposes of determining unemployment benefits and taxes;
3. Provides for the early repeal of the combined tax emergency solvency surcharge because the Unemployment Trust Fund is no longer in danger of becoming insolvent;
4. Allows the Department to assess fees when checks or electronic drafts are returned to the Department unpaid;
5. Will provide for a zero percent tax bracket for those employers with the best experience account reserve ratios;
6. Will prevent certain employers from artificially obtaining a lower tax rate by manipulating their payroll.
7. Would enhance the ability of the Department of Labor to collect delinquent unemployment taxes and unemployment benefit overpayments; and

8. Clarify and correct provisions relating to the collection of unemployment taxes under the Employment Security Law.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Abbie Cornett, Chairperson  
Committee on Business and Labor**